

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Tuesday 25th September 2007 at 6.15pm in the Village Hall

1 Members Present

Parish Members present: Derek Blake (Chairman), Richard Herring, Theresa Parfitt, Matt Price, Elizabeth Robinson
Apologies: Graham Harber, Karen Myhill
In attendance: Cllr Adrian Gunson, Cllr Johh Fuller, Philippa Fuller (clerk) 6 members of the public

2 Apologies For Absence & Declarations Of Interest

There were two apologies for absence.

3 Public Consultation

There was no public consultation

4 Finance

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should become a signatory for the Community Deposit Account, not to sign cheques but to enable her to have access to the account on the internet.

The following payments were authorised:

Standing Orders Publication £6.50

Anglian Playground Services Playgrade Bark £785.00 plus VAT £922.37

5 Planning Applications

Received

- o Blockworks, Church Road: Change of use from blockwork manufacturing to concrete crushing reclaim site: J Whiting Ltd Ref. SP/C/7/2007/7023

The Response from Bergh Apton Parish Council to the County Council

A special planning meeting of the Bergh Apton Planning Meeting was held on Tuesday 25th September 2007 to discuss the proposal by J Whiting Ltd for change of use from blockwork manufacturing to concrete crushing reclaim site.

The Parish Council **OBJECT** to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. There is insufficient information contained in the application with respect to noise and dust emissions.
2. The proposal indicates traffic movements that are completely inappropriate to the road network, which is in poor repair, and unacceptably exceed any previous permitted use of the site. In particular, indications of up to 100 lorry movements per day, plus associated light traffic would not be in keeping with the rural setting of this site.

3. The proposal was felt to unacceptably affect the residential amenity of near by dwellings in respect of noise and dust particularly the listed Tayler and Green Houses at the junction of Church Road.
4. There was concern about light pollution during Winter working hours.
5. A previously regulated site in the Parish (Harveys) adjacent to the HWRC site on Welbeck Road has a permitted use for concrete crushing in a highly controlled manner. Concrete crushing is permitted on only 3 days per year and in each case written notice must be given to nearby residents. Where precedent exists in the village it should be applied to the application being considered making this proposal unacceptable.
6. Local residents understood that the existing Whitings Works was the subject of a *temporary* permission. Now that the permitted use has ceased the site should be returned to the previous use. Alternatively, some Parishioners felt that the site might be suitable for affordable housing as it relates well to the Tayler and Green houses.
7. The proposal is inappropriate to a village that is classified as unsustainable in the South Norfolk Local Plan.

6 Representative Required for Neighbourhood Forum

Liz Robinson volunteered to have her name put forward as the Bergh Apton representative. These forums enable local communities to have more say in their local areas, there will be forums in 5 neighbourhoods across the District, each with a budget to fund local projects and initiatives.

- 6.1 Each Forum will have 11 members, and we have appointed a Chairman for each. The Forums will each have 11 members, of whom 6 are district councillors, one from County Council, and 4 will be community representatives. The role of the Forum is to develop a strong relationship with the local community, to look at the priority issues for the area and work on improvements with the communities.
 - 6.2 The Forums have a designated budget for 2007/08, made up of contributions from the District Council and the South Norfolk Alliance. Local groups will be able to seek funding from the Forum, and members of the Forum will assess and decide upon those applications.
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7 Addition of name on the War Memorial

It was unanimously agreed that the name Reginald James Mitchell be added to the War Memorial

Dates Of Future Meetings: 24/10/07; 5/12/07